

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation and has the honor to refer to the May 13, 2004, Diplomatic Note of the Russian Federation (No. 2310/DVBR) which raised the status of the Agreement on Measures to Reduce the Risk of Outbreak of Nuclear War Between the United States of America and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics of September 30, 1971 (Accidents Measures Agreement) in connection with the June 30, 2003, U.S. Diplomatic Note providing U.S. notice of intention to withdraw from the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics Regarding the Establishment of a Standing Consultative Commission (SCC) of December 21, 1972.

The Embassy, on behalf of the Government of the United States, informs the Ministry that the United States accepts the Ministry's proposal that, with the termination of the activities of the SCC, any matter relating to the Accidents Measures Agreement be discussed pursuant to Article VII of the Accidents Measures Agreement. By its acceptance of the Ministry's proposal, the Government of the United States regards the question of the future mechanism for implementing the Accidents Measures Agreement as agreed upon.

The Embassy avails itself of the opportunity to extend to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation renewed assurances of its highest consideration.

Embassy of the United States of America

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and, referring to the U.S. Embassy's note No. MFA/130/03 of June 30, 2003, has the honor to propose that, with the future termination of the activities of the SCC, any matter relating to the Agreement on Measures to Reduce the Risk of Outbreak of Nuclear War between the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and the United States of America of September 30, 1971 (the Agreement on Measures) and to documents associated with it be discussed pursuant to Article VII of this Agreement.

If the U.S. side confirms that this proposal is acceptable to it, the question of the future mechanism of interaction in implementing the Agreement on Measures could be regarded as agreed upon.

The Ministry avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy the assurances of its highest consideration.